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In re Application of)
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Title: WEB-GUIDING DEVICE)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents identified on the attached form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that these documents be made of record in the present application.

A copy of each non-US Patent document cited in the attached PTO-1449 form is enclosed.

A concise statement of any non-English document having an English abstract is contained in such abstract, which is incorporated herein by reference.

German Patent DE 19651191 discloses the drying section of a papermaking or cardboard prodn. machine, to form a web from wet pulp, has suction rollers as the drying cylinders (7,9;19,21). The carrier blanket (15) and the web (13) are fed through with the blanket (15) directly against the drying cylinders (7,9;19,21), supporting the web (13) on the other side. The drying cylinders (7,9;19,21) are within a drying hood (35,37;39,41), where hot air is delivered to the web (13) on the blanket (15) passing through.

German Patent DE 19605904 discloses the roller surface (4) has indentations for retaining air entrained by the web. The roller has a hollow, cylindrical body, open at one or both ends, contg. through perforations (5) on the periphery of the cylindrical face. Pref. the thickness of the roller wall is 0.5 to 3 mm and the perforation dia. is 0.1 to 0.55 mm. Typically the peripheral roller surface is

formed by a round, fine mesh fabric 0.5 to 3 mm. thick with mesh width of 5 to 50 mu. It may be surface treated and linked at the end faces. The open ends may be fitted with lids (2) each with a centre axis (1) and apertures (8).

European Patent EP 1155989 discloses the printing machine has a roller system for guiding a web to be processed. It also has a system for regulating the movement of the driven rollers. Deflection bars (9) are provided for the web (2) and their cover surfaces have air outlet apertures, via which the web is fed with compressed air. The deflection bars are hollow cylindrical. Inside the deflection bars, by means of at least one compressed air device (12), a predetermined pressure of approximately 6 bar is produced. The air outlet apertures are only provided in the segments of the bar cover surfaces on which the web locates. The printing machine is of the multi-colour type, with single or multiple columns.

This information is being submitted within three months after the filing date of the present application, or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

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